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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Edward W. "Eddie" Smolich, who passed away on September 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Edward Smolich was born on April 14, 1920, in South Wilmington; he resided in the Joliet area for most of his life; and

WHEREAS, Edward Smolich proudly served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Army's Headquarters Battery, 101st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion in New Guinea; he received the Bronze Star, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, the American Overseas Victory Ribbon, the Overseas Service Bar, and the American Theatre Campaign Ribbon for his meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, Edward Smolich and his brother, Rudy, were the owners and operators of Smolich Brothers Sausage Company since 1971; and

WHEREAS, Edward Smolich was a Life Member of V.F.W. Cantigny Post #367 and the American Legion Post #1080; he was also a member of The Joliet Moose Lodge #300, the American Fraternal Union, Joliet Knights of Columbus #382, the St.

1 Joseph Holy Name Society, the Senior Citizens Association, the
2 Old Timer's Baseball Association, and the Will County Seniors;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Edward Smolich was preceded in death by his loving
5 wife, Evelyn Smolich; his son, John Edward Smolich; his
6 great-granddaughter; his parents, Anton and Catherine (nee
7 Spelich) Smolich; and his 4 sisters and 3 brothers; and

8 WHEREAS, Edward Smolich is survived by his loving and
9 devoted daughters, Mary Kay (Bill) Schmitt and JoAnne (Doug)
10 Marshall; his grandchildren; Nancy (Scott) Lewandowski, Laura
11 (Louie) Mau, Cathy (Brad) Blankenship, Kelly (Todd) Michael,
12 Brad (Amy) Marshall, Angela (Guadalupe) Reyes, Beth (Kyle)
13 Brown, and John (Amy) Smolich; his 17 great-grandchildren; his
14 brothers, Louis Smolich and Rudy (Lois) Smolich; his sisters,
15 Maggie Smolich and Francie Sovich; his special loving and
16 devoted friend, Irene Vercellino; and his many nieces, nephews,
17 and cousins; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Edward W. "Eddie"
21 Smolich; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Edward Smolich as an expression of
2 our sympathy.